

PARENT BULLETIN 11 Nov - 15 Oct 2019: Week 1



Whole School Messages

The Achievement Team which consists of the House Achievement Leaders, SENCO, Attendance Officer etc offer a drop-in service every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at the Asda cafe in Chorley. This is for parents who do not wish to come into school and or would prefer a more informal meeting. If you have a concern or query, please pop along and have a chat.

School Nurse Drop-In available every Thursday 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm

The student J8 development group have more Fair Trade ground coffee available for you to buy for £4.60 per bag. This coffee has come straight from Malawi where the growers work in the community of Liwonde, where the secondary school is for whom we are raising funds. The proceeds from the sale of this coffee go straight back to the school we are working with, to help buy resources to keep more children in school. Please do what you can to support the group and purchase your coffee here. If you would like to make a purchase you can provide your child with the money and the coffee is available from myself in S14. Thanks from the J8 group - Mrs Ward

Thank you ever so much for any contribution - either time, encouragement, organisation or financial that you have spent (or are still spending) with your child on helping them make their items for their Kenya stalls in Geography lessons. They really enjoyed these lessons (some still have these the first week back) and it helps them to gain a greater understanding of the world that they live in and helps to develop cultural awareness. It also gave them a chance to show off 'non writing' skills and to show to other teachers in school what they have been learning in Geography. Mr Mitchell was very impressed when he came to visit our Kenya stalls.

At school each pupil has to complete sections for a Cultural Capital Award that they are participating in. I have put many of the photos of their stalls onto school Geography Instagram @parklandsgeog. Pupils may print their own photos to place inside these folders. Mrs Eastham.





Thank you so much to everyone who helped and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the end of September. The event is now firmly fixed in our calendar and it is always well attended by students, staff, parents, carers and the wider school community. Our catering firm Mellors also support the day by not selling cakes and snacks during breaktime. Our grand total for this year was £1887.52 which is fabulous and we couldn't do any of this without your support is genuinely appreciated.

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Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September?

Year 7: 70 pupils

Year 8: 42 pupils Year 9: 59 pupils Year 10: 54 students Year 11: 59 students Who had the perfect 3 in the last week of last

half-term (Mon - Fri)?

Year 7: 160 pupils Year 8: 135 pupils Year 9: 129 pupils

Year 10: 129 students Year 11: 120 students

Children In Need Non School Uniform Day Friday 15th November.

To support this event, pupils may come in their own clothes, which must be appropriate. There must not be any crop tops, make-up or jewellery. If you child arrives to school inappropriately dressed, we will phone parents to bring a change of clothing. The contribution is £1, please can pupils to give this to their Form Tutor. Thank you for your support!





Parent Forum - Tuesday 26th November at 6 pm. Please email Mrs Haslam if you wish to attend at shaslam@parklandsacademy.co.uk. We will be discussing our Anti-Bullying policy.



Next week we will launch the start of a new topic in SECURE- Anti-bullying. We will be working with students and families on this really important issue. To avoid clashing with our Armistice Day assembly, we will hold Odd Socks Day on Friday 15th November to celebrate what makes us all unique



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Monday - Y10 boys Chorley Cup football final is being played at Bishops against Holy Cross.

Tuesday - Y11 boys football match vs Holy Cross at Parklands

Wednesday - Y9 girls Handball team playing in the Chorley competition at St Michael's

Thursday - Y9 boys Handball team playing in the Chorley competition at St Michael's

Friday - Y11 Basketball team are playing at Holy Cross.



A reminder to parents/carers and friends of our school to sign up for the Children in Need quiz night. It is a bring your own beverages and snacks event. £5 a person with a cash prize! Plenty more games on the night.

If your child attended the recent Italy trip to Naples, please can you ask him/her to collect your EHIC card from the main office at break or lunch time next week.

It's **Christmas hamper** time again, and we would like to make it bigger and better than ever. There are many elderly people living alone and needy families in our community. Every year we put together hampers which we then deliver to their doors to make the Christmas season that little bit brighter. Please support us by sending in non-perishable items with your child, that will then go towards their Form Hamper. Items can include tinned goods, chocolate biscuits, chocolates, tea & coffee. Mince pies, mini Christmas puddings, tinned vegetables, etc. Anything that you think will brighten someone's Christmas day. Thank you

Please see the flyer below regarding a talk from Professor Alice Roberts at Bolton School on Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 7pm. This is a free event open to pupils, parents and the public. Professor Roberts will be delving into archaeology, history and genetics to reveal the amazing stories of three species that became our allies. <u>Tamed: Three species which changed the world.</u>

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Normandy Food Tour October 2020 staying at Chateau du Baffy £430 - proving to be popular yet again however there are still places available and we have been able to extend the booking deadline with the travel company! The trip is fully inclusive of all costs, visits, meals, hoodie etc. and open to Years 7-10. For further information please contact sbrookes@parklandsacademy.co.uk Parent/Carer Letter Food Tour to Normandy

Video 2017 Normandy Food Tour

For all information relating to SEND please visit the local authority local offer here





We shall be having our annual Armistice Day assembly for all pupils on Tuesday.

Year 7 Messages

Year 7 photographs - All pupils should now have had their photographs. Tempest have said that there are some orders that they have not been able to fulfil, if this is the case please contact them directly using our reference of 282417. If you have any further queries please contact your child's HAL.

Year 8 Messages

None this week.

Year 9 Messages

Review day will take place on Tuesday, when trackers will be issued.

On Thursday we will be having an assembly on Knife Crime. This is being delivered by an external agency in response to the increase seen in the UK.

Year 10 Messages

Year 10s had their Work Experience launch assembly this week. As soon as I have the QR codes required to log in to the Connect app, I will send these out. In the meantime, students should be making a list of the kinds of businesses they may wish to contact and finding out phone numbers or email addresses. There is another local school who have the same week for WEX, so don't leave it too late to speak to businesses! Miss Berry

Year 10 Respect Day - Friday 15th November. Students will have sessions delivered by an ex Prison Officer and Prisoner, the Fire Service and the Prevent Team. The day's theme is Lifestyles. Any questions please contact Mrs Haslam.

BfL reports will be issued to students on Thursday.

Year 11 Messages

ADVANCE NOTICE: **Parents evening** is on Thursday, 14th November. At the Welcome to Year 11 Evening in September I presented a graph which could show you your child's progress score. Unfortunately, we are unable to print these out individually. **Please see the final page** of this bulletin for more information. Mr Mitchell

YEAR 11 Parents - the students involved in the J8 development group will be seeking your support on Thursday when you attend parents evening. They will be selling Fairtrade ground coffee from Malawi for £4.60 a bag, along with freshly brewed cups of coffee, for 50p, for you to enjoy whilst you wait (hopefully not too long) to see your child's teachers. All proceeds will be sent to the Liwonde Secondary School in Malawi where they use the money to buy resources and make improvements in the school, to help keep more children in education.

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Y11 students should have submitted a CV in preparation for their mock interview . Many have, however if you receive an email today, then they are outstanding and urgently need to be returned to pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk for checking. Your support on this is most appreciated as this experience is an excellent preparation for their future. Mrs Brown

Myerscough College have an Advice Morning this Saturday (9th November) from 9.45am - 12.30pm. If you have never been to Myerscough - you don't know what you are missing! Staff and tutors representing each subject area will be on hand to chat about the various courses they offer, future career opportunities and the range of support available to students. For more information check out the website: www.myerscough.ac.uk

Year 11s will be taking part in a Mock Interview Day on Tuesday 19th November. They have been asked to provide a CV to show to the employers. Thank you to the students who have already provided a CV - and for those that still haven't written one - please get them to me as soon as possible, so I can check them and print out a lovely clean copy once any amendments have been made. If anyone has any problems, please let me know (Miss Berry).

We have had a lunchtime drop in session from Preston's College this week. They are offering the chance to add an A Level to a Level 3 BTEC course - extra UCAS points and an improved job or apprenticeship application in the future! To apply to Preston's College, go to www.preston.ac.uk/apply They are also offering a Gifted & Talented Scholarship, worth £1000 over two years. This is available in many areas, from accountancy to sport - check out the full list at www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

Year 11 Drama pupils will be bringing home a letter regarding another theatre trip next week. The turn around is quite tight due to the theatre's booking procedures. Please can you ensure your child returns their slip by Friday the 15th at the latest

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If any Year 11s are interested in a career in Law - then perhaps a Twilight Lecture at the University of Law would be useful. The next one held at the Manchester campus is on Tuesday 26 November, from 4.30 - 5.30pm. The subject is: Does stop and search protect or polarise society? Experts will talk about bias and stereotyping, using criminal profilers to enhance police procedures and the effectiveness of the stop and search policy in the UK. Students can book a place at www.law.ac.uk/events

Careers

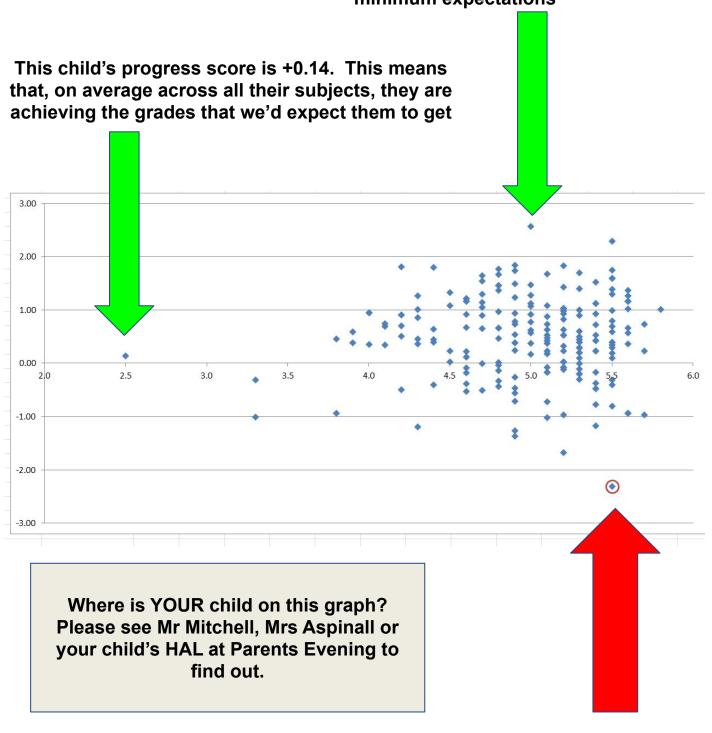
This week's Career of the Week can be found here - it's Medical Illustrator - perfect for anyone who loves art, graphic design or photography and is looking for a creative career that really makes a difference. Check out the link on the website for more details of this fascinating creative career option.

If anyone is interested in a career in Law, I have some really helpful booklets: The Beginner's Guide to a Career in Law 2020 and The Law Apprenticeships Guide 2020. Available from Miss Berry (top office)

Apprenticeship Notifications

None this week.

This child's progress score is +2.57. This means that, on average across all their subjects, they are achieving over two and a half grades ABOVE our minimum expectations



This child's progress score is -2.31. This means that, on average across all their subjects, they are achieving over two grades BELOW our minimum expectations